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TAGS: UR, SREF, PINR (SKACHINSKIY, ALEKSANDR S.)

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: MOSCOW 1973

1. SKACHINSKIY (APRIL 3, 1920, KRASNODARSKIY KRAY) HAS BEEN SEATED SINCE MIDMORNING IN CONSULAR SECTION WAITING ROOM PENDING RESUMPTION OF CONVERSATION WITH CONSOFFS. DURING MORNING SESSION HE INDICATED HE ADOPTED NAME SKACHINSKIY AFTER ESCAPING FROM LABOR CAMP IN 1942 (CONVICTED OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY SABOTAGE"). HE CONCEALED TRUE IDENTITY (GEORGIY N. KUZIKOV) UNTIL CAUGHT IN 1959. AFTER LEGAL PROCEDURE IN 1960, HE SAID HE WAS AMNESTIED BUT RETAINED USE OF ASSUMED NAME.

2. SKACHINSKIY, RUSSIAN-POLISH BY ORIGIN, IS EVIDENTLY WELL-BRIEFED ON POLITICAL ASYLUM. HE HAS CITED KUDIRKA CASE AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT HE WOULD NOT BE FORCED FROM EMBASSY. HE DECLARES "ALL HIS BOATS HAVE BEEN BURNED" IN SOVIET UNION, WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS "PRISON," AND HE HAS ONLY TWO EXITS, DEATH BY SUICIDE OR ASYLUM IN EMBASSY. SUBJECT SPEAKS RATIONALLY ALTHOUGH WITH AGITATION. IT IS POSSIBLE HE IS NERVOUSLY EXHAUSTED SINCE HE HAS MOMENTARILY DOZED IN WAITING ROOM.

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3. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPT ADVISED. CONSOFFS WILL CONTINUE

TO TRY TO REASON WITH SKACHINSKIY AND PERSUADE HIM TO LEAVE
QUIETLY, IN INTEREST OF HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AT HIS HOME IN
GANTIAGI, GEORGIA, AND OWN PERSONAL WELL BEING.

4. SUBJECT SAYS HE HAS NO FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN US OR
ANYWHERE ABROAD. REFERENCE TO US RELATIVES PARA 2 REFTL
WAS PRETENSE IN EFFORT GAIN ENTRANCE TO EMBASSY.
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